



Cyngor Cymuned CWARTER BACH Community Council

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held virtually via Zoom on 2nd March 2022

Attendees: Councillor Glynog Davies (GD), Councillor Susan Thomas (ST), Councillor Vera Morgan (VM), Councillor Tom Addey (TA), Councillor Scott Davies (SD), Councillor Sarah Hopkin (SH), Ruth Heyes (RH), Councillor Rhian Moses (RM)

Presiding: The Chair, Councillor Glynog Davies (GD)

Minutes taken by the clerk: Julia Bell (JMB)

1. Chair's Welcome.

The Chair gave an explanation as to why the date of the meeting had changed this month. Whilst the date had been moved in the previous full council meeting, Cllr. Davies explained that he had become mindful of the pre-election period approaching and that the council had no Pre-Election Policy in place, he explained that many of the councillors had been very pro-active of late and that he did not want them embroiled in any pre-election problems. The Chair thought it best for now to go by County Council Policy and move the meeting, giving two weeks' notice of his decision. It was decided that after speaking to the Head of Law at Carmarthenshire County Council (CCC), that the clerk would liaise with the Returning Officer at the council in order to seek advice on adopting a protocol for Cwarter Bach Community Council going forward. Cllr. Addey expressed his concerns about the changing of the date and asked that a protocol be put in place and adhered to.

2. Declarations of Interest

Noted as they arose.

3. Apologies

Cllr Bethan Griffiths, Cllr Tony Strutt

4. To approve Minutes of previous meeting

Cllr ST informed the council that Cllr TS had sent a request for amendments to the minutes, notably

- a) Cllr AD's comment on precept rise being spent on maintenance work within the wards
- b) that CCC only deal with trees near highways
- c) Cllr TS interest in being a part of the East Pit Nature Conservation Steering Committee

Minutes were then verified with the above amendments undertaken

Proposed: S.T

Seconded: V.M.

All Agreed

5. Matters Arising

No matters arising.

6. Community Police Liaison

Cllr R.H addressed the council regarding the police's Go Safe Website, urging members to report any concerns regarding, illegal parking, speeding, problem parking or any other highway issues on the site. RH advised that the more people report an issue the more likely the police are to do something about it. RH informed the council that the new Community Officers were Matthew Boswell 165 and Claire Jeremiah 8141. Councillors have already received several complaints, namely parking in Esgairynys, which has been passed on to CCC (G.D) and the junction on New Road and Mountain Road (S.H) which has no yellow lines, also a matter for CCC.

G.D. thanked R.H. for all her hard work with the Police.

7. Finance Committee (FC) Report

Financial Assistance

Urdd Eisteddfod Llandovery - £500 outstanding from the £1500 agreed 2 years ago.

Carmarthenshire CC Chairman's Charity – Air Ambulance – FC suggested £100

Air Ambulance – Dealt with in the above

Llangollen Eisteddfod – Noted

Clwb Plant – requested a contribution towards cupboards – FC suggested £500

Proposed by Finance Committee

All Agreed

Bryn Rovers – requested contribution towards defibrillator cabinet in Maes Elwyn – Finance Committee suggested £500, RH asked if Bryn Rovers had purchased the defibrillator? SH concerned as no bank statements were provided. The clerk confirmed the defibrillator had been awarded from Save a Life Cymru.

RH proposed an amendment that the council and Bryn Rovers split the bill 50/50

Seconded by VM

6 in favour, amendment vote carried.

Ystradowen Community Centre – wanted match funding towards an alarm system. TA declared an interest and did not partake in the discussion. VM noted how the fire alarms did need updating. GD asked the clerk if the issue needed to go back to the finance committee as it is a Match Funding issue and not a Donation. Councillors SH and RM were concerned that their bank balance needs to be taken in to consideration.

GD asked the clerk to find out about Match Funding and the issue return to the Finance Committee.

Clerk to action

Glo-Man – requested originally in November but re-sent this week.

ST proposed £150

SD seconded

All agreed

Quotes

Tar Llwybr Maes Elwyn

3 quotes received

Finance Committee Proposed Crwbin Quarries £8275 + VAT

Tar Ystradowen Path

3 quotes received

FC proposed Crwbin Quarries £2790 + VAT

All Agreed

Clerk to ask if there would be any discount if we use them for both jobs.

Quotes had been received to Tarmac the Car Park at Maes Elwyn and the Skate Park, however until council knows the restrictions on the lease for the area, it will be looked at again in the future.

Skate Park needs specialist rubber, Clerk to obtain quotes and check the apparatus in case they need taking away.

Clerk advised the Park Inspections had arrived and suggested they be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

S.T proposed Jet Sweep clean the car park for now (Jet Sweep clean the roads for Carmarthen CC)

R.M realised at his point there was a need to Declared an Interest (close associate of Jet Sweep)

All Agreed

Windows Clwb Plant

3 quotes were received but as grant work is being done Finance Committee proposed that they reassess once the work was completed.

All Agreed

Pavillion Cleaning at Maes Elwyn and Bryn Avenue

2 quotes were received for both

Bryn Avenue – Michaela Griffiths - £365 and The Moppit Show - £280

Maes Elwyn – Michaela Griffiths - £950 and The Moppit Show - £315

The Finance Committee decided that they would leave the cleaning of Maes Elwyn temporarily until a system was put in place for charging for the use of the Pavillion.

Michaela Griffiths quote was suggested by FC for Bryn Avenue pavilion as it was so thorough

All Agreed

Payments to be made

Trees at Llynfell and Maes Elwyn

Llynfell Trees - Tree Report to be paid £1040

Proposed: ST

All Agreed

The quote for Llynfell is £450 per day but we need clarity on how many days work will be needed?

The green by the tennis courts in Cefnbrynbrain has been maintained by Cwarter Bach CC for many years, but with no contract. It seems the land is now up for sale, would Celtic and the council consider a 10-year lease?

Clerk to find out who owns the tennis courts.

Maes Elwyn Trees - Owain Humphreys has given an estimate for clearing, cutting back and removing dead trees. He quoted £900 for 3 days. TS asked in FC whether we needed tree

inspections? The clerk advised that the insurers had stated that there was nothing in the policy

regarding tree inspections and to discuss with a tree surgeon. Owain Humphreys stated that he would do 12 monthly visual inspections on our behalf.

The clerk also advised we are waiting to hear back from County regarding the Ash die back and where responsibility for removing the trees lies.

A decision was made to get Maes Elwyn done and then prioritise Llynfell's trees once we know the number of days involved.

SH - Proposed – Owain Humphreys to do the work

All Agreed

ST was aware that this may need to be done soon as the breeding season for birds was coming up.

Park Inspections – 3 monthly bill of £540

Inspections had arrived that morning, clerk advised they were very detailed and ought to be paid.

The reports will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Wall Quote – For Ystradowen - To be obtained by the next Finance Committee meeting.

Defibrillator – SH Cabinet has arrived now we need a defibrillator to put inside.

TS obtained quote for the Ambulance Station at Cefnbrynbrain. Cost from them is £645 + VAT and £500 for the cabinet.

Calon Cymru defibrillator costs are £745 with 8-year warranty.

GD – asked if there were any awards we could go for?

SH – will speak to a contact with Calon Cymru

Gabrielle – Member of the public / Health Board – the chemist is in the process of trying to get a defibrillator from the Health Board and will report back to council in due course.

ST- Proposed – If SH can get one for free, we will, if not we will purchase from Calon Cymru

All Agreed

RM – One is also needed for Cefnbrynbrain Ambulance Station, there is electricity available and the gates are always open.

Minor Jobs Clwb Plant – Clerk is meeting Mathew Griffiths in the coming week to discuss the work.

R.M – Pipe inside is leaking sewerage

G.D – Work needs doing urgently

Clerk to Action

ST – The bollard in Maes Elwyn park is dangerous and FC suggest a new bollard also the main gate to the tennis courts needs a chain and padlock, prices to be obtained. Check if the gate to the play park is still under warranty?

The Skatepark area also needs looking at and prices for repairs obtained.

TA – wanted to thank Susan for taking over as The Chair of Finance and for all her hard work and also to thank Tony for all the work he has done in all the wards during this period.

8. Matters from Wards

a) Llynfell

VM – requested that a recycled bench be located at Ystradowen Park with a plaque in memory of Community Councillor Clive Trotman.

All Agreed

VM – We need a price for the steps down to Felin Fach. County have started their work down there.

VM – Pavilion needs lots of work inside and out, but there is nothing happening there.

GD – Need to think about future uses for the site.

b) Cwarter Bach

ST and SH have decided where to put the benches. One on the corner of Rhosfa and one at the top of Bryn Bach. A third possibility is Maes Elwyn, as it is used so much.

GD - Some seats in the area will need refurbishing this summer, a list is needed of which are Cwarter Bach's and which are County owned.

RM – mentioned the nets that were possibly damaged in the storm

ST – believes children have been pulling at the nets and it is not storm damage after all.

Clerk to get prices for repair

c.) Brynaman

GD – Notice of Road Closure has come through for Llandeilo Road on 24/3/2022 from 9am – 3pm asking for any feedback?

Members felt that this would be problematic for the West end of Brynaman and those living on Llandeilo Road.

GD – Will ask County about re-arranging times and see if it can be done during the night.

9. Accounts for Payment

EDF – 3 bills - £302.25, £235.25 and £149.58

Clerk has contacted EDF to change sites to Small Business Sites in order to have reduced daily rates.

ST expenses - £139.63

BMC meeting room hire x 2 - £48

Dŵr Cymru – Cwmllynfell Sports Pavillion - £169.41

Dŵr Cymru – Bryn Avenue Pavillion - £220.46

ST – Asked if we could get a SIM card for the clerk to use for council business?

ST – Can we join Society of Local Council Clerks (**SLCC**) for clerk to attend courses?

ST – Can we pay £29 per annum to have an ad free website?

All payments proposed GD

All agreed

10. Correspondence

Road Closure – already discussed

One Voice Wales – Pre-election period advice

CCC letter on Footpaths – ST requested a sub-committee for footpaths, need clarity on the footpaths in the area. Clerk to forward and discuss next meeting.

11. A.O.B

None

12. Date of Next Meeting

To be confirmed once the clerk seeks advice

Meeting closed: 8.20pm

Signed: (Chair)

Print Name:

Date: